Number of children in primary schools

414. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) at present the number of children in the age group of 6 to 14 years in the country are deprived of education;

(b) whether Government propose to include the education under Fundamental Rights to impart it to the children of age group of 6 to 14 years;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and steps Government are taking to provide this facility to these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) As per latest educational statistics, out of 19.2 crore children in the age group 6-14 years, 15.7 crore children are enrolled in schools.

(b) to (d) The Constitution (93rd Amendment) Bill, 2001, to make education for children in the age group 6-14 years a Fundamental Right, had been passed by the Lok Sabha on 28.11.2001. The Bill as passed by the Lok Sabha was also considered and passed by the Rajya Sabha on 14.5.2002 with official amendments in the enacting formula and clause 1 to substitute the word '52nd' to '53rd' and '2001' to '2002'. The Rajya Sabha has returned the amendment Bill to the Lok Sabha.

The amended Bill is pending consideration by the Lok Sabha

Schools for primary education

415. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that according to the Planning Commission the number of